



How to borrow Book Club Kits



If you're a member of an existing book club or would like to start a new one, Bathurst Library has a large range of Book Club Kits to support your group. We can also provide suggestions on other resources your book club can access if we don't have the title you are looking for.

About our Book Club Kits

Book Club Kits make it easier to coordinate your meetings, save your members money and provide access to a diverse range of genres.

How does it work?

- Each kit contains 6-10 copies of the same book, plus discussion notes, all stored in a convenient carry bag.
- Kits must be borrowed using a Book Club Membership Card (see opposite).
- Each kit may be borrowed for 3 months and cannot be renewed. Only 2 kits can be on loan at the same time.
- All books must be borrowed and returned together in the same kit during opening hours. Do not use the after-hours chute.
- Book Club Kits are free, however, if a book is lost or damaged, library charges will apply.

Getting started

Book Club Kits can only be issued to registered book clubs (see below). If you aren't a member of an existing book club, why not start your own? Simply gather a group of up to 10 interested people and choose a name e.g. "Bathurst Bookies".

Registering a Book Club Membership Card

Two people in your book club need to volunteer as Coordinators. Coordinators must be members of Bathurst Library and will be asked to be responsible for all items in a kit, including borrowing and returning the kit, and organising payment for lost or damaged items.

Once you have selected your Coordinators they need to complete a Book Club Registration Form, which is available at the library or on our website. They will then be issued with a separate library card in your book club's name.

This card must be presented when reserving kits in person, and when picking up your kits.

Choosing a Book Club Kit

A full list of our Book Club Kit titles can be found by searching our online catalogue (bathurst.spydus.com). You can also find a link on our website: www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/library

We recommend that you work through the list as a group and decide which titles you'd like to read. Make your selection as large as possible as some kits may already be on loan when your Coordinators try to reserve them.

Kits can be reserved via our online catalogue, in person or by phoning the library during business hours. Your Coordinators will receive a notification when the kit is ready to collect.

Reservation tips:

- Coordinators can reserve a maximum of 2 kits and must use the Book Club Membership Card to do this.
- Plan ahead—reserve your kit a week in advance to ensure it can be picked up in time for your next meeting.
- Ideally, reserve kits that are not currently on loan and don't have another reserve against them to ensure they will be available for your meeting.

Borrowing and returning a Book Club Kit

When they are notified that a kit is available for collection, a Coordinator should visit the library and ask for the kit at the circulation desk. They will need to bring the Book Club Membership Card.

Ideally, the Book Club Kit should be distributed at your next meeting so everyone has time to read it before your following get together. After you have discussed it, Coordinators should collect the books to return to the library and hand out the next title.

IMPORTANT: Return the kit directly to library staff. Kits cannot be placed in the after-hours chute and books should not be returned individually.

FAQs

Can my book club suggest a title for a Book Club Kit? We are more than happy to receive suggestions for Book Club Kits but purchases will depend on our Collection Development Policy.

What are the alternatives? If we don't offer the title you want, you can always try an Inter-library Loan, download eBooks that have no waitlists via our eLibrary apps or purchase books through local retailers.

**For more information, please speak
to one of our staff members.**